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Peter J. Hopper, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/820,476

Filed: April 8, 2004

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TRACE WITH REDUCED RF  
IMPEDANCE RESULTING FROM THE  
SKIN EFFECT  
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A refund in the amount of \$180 is requested for the following reasons:

1. On August 23, 2005, applicant filed an RCE in the above-identified application.
2. On September 8, 2005, applicant filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy attached as Appendix A), via certificate of mailing, which was received by the U.S.P.T.O. on September 12, 2005, (copy of return receipt postcard attached as Appendix B).
3. As of the filing date of this request, no Office Action has been received since the IDS was filed on September 8, 2005. As a result, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received by the U.S.P.T.O. before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits following the RCE.

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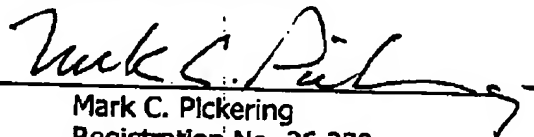
5. In accordance with MPEP §609 B(1), after an RCE is filed, an IDS will be considered if filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

6. As a result, there is no fee to file the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, applicant's attorney respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$180 to be credited to our Deposit Account No. 502305.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants submit herewith information of which applicants are aware, which applicants believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).
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- (c) ☒ as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits following the RCE filed on August 23, 2005.

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[If either of boxes (d) or (e) are checked above, the following "certification" under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) may need to be completed.] The undersigned certifies that:

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While the information disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above-described and attached information.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 502305 for any fees required in connection with the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. **A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed for this purpose.** In particular, in the event that an Office Action has crossed in the mail with this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the above-named deposit account for any fees required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) or 1.17 (l) (1).

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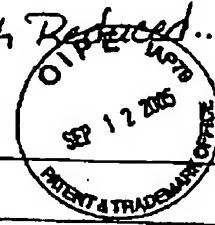
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